

No additional fee is believed due for the entry of this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. **50-0540**. The following is a clean version of the Amendment including a clean copy of Figure 1 ("Scheme for the Synthesis of Ru-tag/TPA Conjugates").

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete lines 1-5 on page 1 and substitute with the following paragraph:

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/936,971, filed September 25, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/467,712, filed June 6, 1995; is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/928,075, filed September 11, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial 08/484,766, filed June 7, 1995; is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/880,209, filed June 23, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/485,415, filed June 7, 1995, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,643,713; is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/880,210, filed June 23, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/368,429, filed January 4, 1995, issued as U.S. Patent 5,642,623; is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/880,353, filed June 23, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/485,419, filed June 7, 1995.

IN THE CLAIMS

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3. (Amended) A compound which comprises an electrochemiluminescent label linked to a coreactant, wherein said coreactant undergoes oxidation to form a reductant or reduction to form an oxidant, such that said compound emits electrochemiluminescence when exposed to electrochemical energy.